Introduction to Python & Data

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Welcome!

Python is a powerful programming language that is popular can be used to write scripts for to work effectively and reproducibly with data. In this workshop, we aim to give you the tools to start exploring Python and all it has to offer by yourself.

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1 Acknowledgements

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2 Schedule

we can add a detailed schedule here later

3 Installation & Setup

Hello plz don't download Python from the Microsoft Store :P

4 Course Materials

You can download the course materials as individual files or as zip files

 $\bullet\,$ insert links to datasets and notebooks and zip files etc. below

5 Introduction

What is Python? Why do we like it so much more than R? Let's get going!

6 Introduction to python

6.1 Some simple statements

```
2+2

4

print("Hello World")

Hello World
```

6.2 Variables, values and their types

```
text = "Data Carpentry"
number = 42
pi_value = 3.141592653589793238462643383279502884197

text
'Data Carpentry'
  type(text)

str
  number
```

```
type(number)

int

pi_value

3.141592653589793

type(pi_value)
```

float

6.3 Output versus printing

In this example we first print the number and then call the variable again:

```
print(number)
number

42

42

Now we do it the other way around:
   number
   print(number)
```

42

The interpreter does not output the value of the variable unless it is the very last line in an input field. In general **print** is the only way to print output to the screen when you are not working in an interactive environment as Jupyter, but when you are working with scripts. Rule of thumb: use output for quick checking while developing your Jupyter notebook, use print for all output that needs to be there while running a Jupyter notebook.

```
summing = 2 + 2
multiply = 6 * 7
power = 2 ** 16
modulo = 13 % 5

print("Sum: ", summing)
print("Multiply: ", multiply)
print("Power: ", power)
print("Modulo: ", modulo)
```

Sum: 4

Multiply: 42 Power: 65536 Modulo: 3

6.4 Logical values, operators and variables

There are two logical values, *true* and *false*. Inpython they are decoded as the values True and False. Note: here these two are really distinct values and no strings!

True

True

False

False

With the logical operators >, <, ==, and, or and not we can now compare variables and create logical statements.

```
compare = 3 > 4
print("3 > 4 : ", compare)
```

3 > 4 : False

```
not_compare = not compare
  print("not(3 > 4): ", not_compare)
not(3 > 4): True
  compare or not_compare
True
  compare and not_compare
False
  True or False
True
  True and False
False
  True == compare
```

6.5 The if-statement

False

We saw how to create logical statements. In the if-clause we use these as conditional statements to carry some tasks.

6.6 Lists and Tuples

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3]
  numbers[0]
1
  type(numbers)
list
  len(numbers)
3
  numbers[3]
IndexError: list index out of range
  numbers[-1]
3
  numbers[2] == numbers[-1]
True
  words = ["cat", "dog", "horse"]
  words[1]
'dog'
  type(words)
list
```

```
if type(words) == type(numbers):
      print("these variables have the same type!")
these variables have the same type!
  newlist = ["cat", 1, "horse"]
  type(newlist[0])
str
  type(newlist[1])
int
  numbers.append(4)
  print(numbers)
[1, 2, 3, 4]
  numbers[2] = 333
  print(numbers)
[1, 2, 333, 4]
  # Tuples use parentheses
  a_{tuple} = (1, 2, 3)
  another_tuple = ('blue', 'green', 'red')
  # Note: lists use square brackets
  a_{i} = [1, 2, 3]
  a_list[1] = 5
  print(a_list)
[1, 5, 3]
```

```
a_tuple[2] = 5
print(a_tuple)

TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
  type(a_tuple)

tuple
```

6.7 Dictionaries

```
my_dict = {'one': 'first', 'two': 'second'}
my_dict

{'one': 'first', 'two': 'second'}

my_dict['one']

'first'

my_dict['third'] = 'three'
my_dict

{'one': 'first', 'two': 'second', 'third': 'three'}
```

6.8 For loops

```
numbers = [5, 6, 7]

for item in numbers:
    print(item)
```

```
5
6
  words = ["cat", "dog", "horse"]
  for index, item in enumerate(words):
      print(index)
      print(item)
0
cat
1
dog
horse
  for key, value in my_dict.items():
      print(key, '->', value)
one -> first
two -> second
third -> three
```

6.9 Exercises

6.9.1 Exercise 0

Try to run this code. Why is there no output?

```
x = 6
apple = "apple"
```

6.9.2 Exercise 1

- 1. Calculate: One plus five divided by nine.
- 2. Assign the result of the calculation to a variable.
- 3. Test if the result is larger than one.
- 4. Round off the result to one decimal. Use the function round.

```
s = (1+5)/9round(s, 1)
```

0.7

6.9.3 Exercise 2

Predict the results:

```
5 == 5
not 3 > 2
True == 'True'
False < True</pre>
```

True

6.9.4 Exercise 3

Meet Ann, Bob, Chloe, and Dan. 1. Create a list with their names. Save the list as "name".

- 2. How old are Ann, Bob, Chloe, and Dan? You decide! Design a numeric list with their respective ages. Save it as "age".
- 3. What is their average age? (Use the function sum to sum up their cumulative ages, you can use len(age) to get the number of elements in a list)

```
name = ["Ann", "Bob", "Chloe", "Dan"]
age = [3, 30, 41, 2]
sum(age)/len(age)
```

19.0

6.9.5 Exercise 4

- 1. Return only the first number in the list age.
- 2. Return the 2nd and 4th name in your list name.
- 3. Return only ages under 30 from your list age.
- 4. Return the name "Chloe" from the list name.

```
age[0]
[age[1], age[3]]
new_age=[]
for a in age:if a < 30:new_age.append(a)[n for n in name if n == "Chloe"] #or
name[name.index("Chloe")]</pre>
```

SyntaxError: invalid syntax (4124803616.py, line 4)

6.9.6 Exercise 5

Make an if statement that tests if a number is even, and saves the classification in a variable called number_class.

```
number = 5
if number%2 == 0:
    number_class = "even"
else:
    number_class = "odd"
print(number, "is", number_class)
```

5 is odd

6.9.7 Exercise 6

Turn the if statement from the last exercise into a function. Let the user provide the value for number, and return the number_class.

```
def even_or_odd(number):
    if number%2 == 0:
        number_class = "even"
    else:
        number_class = "odd"
    return number_class
number = 5
print(number, "is", even_or_odd(number))
```

5 is odd

6.9.8 Exercise 7

Use the function above to determine whether the numbers between 1 and 10 are even or odd.

```
for i in range(1, 11):
    res = even_or_odd(i)
    print(i, 'is', res)
```

- 1 is odd
- 2 is even
- 3 is odd
- 4 is even
- 5 is odd
- 6 is even
- 7 is odd
- 8 is even
- 9 is odd
- 10 is even

7 Data Science with Pandas

Let's try out the Pandas library!

```
2 + 2
4

print("Hello World")
```

Hello World

This is a book created from markdown and executable code.

See Knuth (1984) for additional discussion of literate programming.

References

Knuth, Donald E. 1984. "Literate Programming." Comput.~J.~27~(2):~97-111.~https://doi.org/10.1093/comjnl/27.2.97.